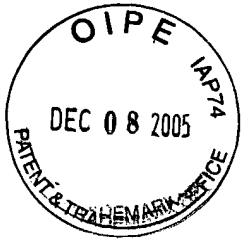


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) Examiner: **Mary Ceperley**
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed August 9, 2005. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the rejections in view of the following remarks, as set forth below.

Remarks / Arguments begin on page 2.